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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Applications for New Awards; State-Tribal Education Partnership (STEP) Pilot Grant Competition; Reopening the Fiscal Year 2012 Competition

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice reopening the STEP Pilot Grant Competition for fiscal year (FY) 2012.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.415.

SUMMARY: On May 29, 2012, we published in the Federal Register (77 FR 31592) a notice inviting applications for the FY 2012 STEP Pilot Grant Competition. That notice established a July 13, 2012, deadline for transmittal of applications. We are reopening the competition for eligible applicants. Applications are due [INSERT DATE 14 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

DATES:

Applications Available: [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: [INSERT DATE 14 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

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and a copy of the application package in an accessible
format (e.g., braille, large print, audiotape, or compact
disc) by contacting the program person listed in this
section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

We are reopening this competition in order to allow
applicants more time to prepare and submit their
applications. Given the number of application
requirements, the unique nature of this pilot competition,
and the short deadline for applications (45 days), some
applicants might not have had sufficient time to complete
all requirements. At this time we have received a very
limited number of applications. In addition, we understand
that there was confusion in the field about the preliminary
agreement requirement and the consortia requirements for

this competition. Therefore, we are supplementing the "Frequently Asked Questions" document with additional questions and will re-post the document on the STEP website, <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/step>, on the same day that this notice is published.

All eligible applicants are encouraged to apply. Eligible applicants that submitted their applications by the July 13, 2012, deadline may, but are not required to, resubmit their applications. We encourage all applicants to review carefully the "Frequently Asked Questions" document available on the program Web site at <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/step> to ensure that they have met all requirements.

All information in the May 29, 2012, notice inviting applications for this competition remains the same, except for the deadline date. Information about the STEP program and competition is available on the program Web site at <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/step>.

Applications for grants under the STEP Competition, CFDA number 84.415, must be submitted electronically using the Government-wide Grants.gov Apply site at www.Grants.gov. For information about how to submit your application electronically, please refer to Electronic

Submission of Applications in section IV.7. of the May 29, 2012, notice (77 FR 31592, 31597).

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